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SUBJECT: SUGAR - MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) MET JUNE 15 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR DEPOSIT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUGAR STOCK FUND UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) 1977. THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR DEPOSIT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1978. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STOCK FINANCING PROVISIONS OF THE SUGAR AGREEMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST, 1978. FINAL ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STOCK FINANCING FUND PROVISIONS OF THE ISA MUST BE TAKEN BY THE SUGAR COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SESSION IS SET FOR 30 JUNE, 1978. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ISO WILL ALSO PREPARE A LIST OF THE RULES OF THE ISA (STOCK FINANCING FUND) WHICH NEED TO BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

2. THE PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE STOCK FINANCING FUND ARE OUTLINED IN REFTEL (A). THE UNITED STATES CONSULTED ISA MEMBERS AND THE ISO SECRETA-

RIAT PRIOR TO THE MEETING, WHICH RESULTED IN A SECRETARY-
RIAT DRAFT ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT COMMENT OR OBJECTIONS.
JAPAN ANNOUNCED THAT ITS PARLIAMENT HAD FULLY APPROVED
THE ISA AND JAPAN COULD BE EXPECTED TO DEPOSIT ITS
INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION BEFORE JUNE 30, 1978.

3. THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR FINAL RATIFICATION
DIFFERS FROM THE OCTOBER 1ST DEADLINE SOUGHT BY THE
UNITED STATES FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE STOCK FINANCING
FUND BECAUSE SOME OTHER MEMBERS REQUESTED A LONGER
EXTENSION. EGYPT AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARE TWO
MEMBERS REQUESTING A LONGER PERIOD, AND MEXICO IS A
LIKELY THIRD CANDIDATE. AT THE PRESENT TIME, FINAL
INSTRUMENTS ARE STILL REQUIRED FROM 22 ISA MEMBERS.
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4. EC SITUATION. CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE EC WAS POSTPONED SINCE INFORMAL CONTACT WITH THE
EC INDICATED THE EC WOULD NOT BE PREPARED FOR SERIOUS
DISCUSSIONS ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE ISA UNTIL MID-
OCTOBER 1978. WORK WITHIN THE ISO ON NEGOTIATION PRE-
PARATIONS IS LIKELY TO OCCUR PRIOR TO OCTOBER HOWEVER.

5. IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 15, THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP
UNDER THE DECISIONS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL SUGAR COUNCIL (ITEM 18) MET TO DISCUSS THE

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASED QUOTA.
THE MAJOR THRUST OF THE MEETING WAS A WILLINGNESS TO
STUDY THE DOMINICAN SITUATION WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE
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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ISA. SEVERAL DELEGATES NOTED THE
DOMINICAN APPLICATION FOR INCREASED QUOTA RAISES
IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR THE ISA AND THEREFORE REQUIRES VERY
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THE SAME DELEGATES NOTED THE
NEED FOR MORE TIME AND DOCUMENTATION ON THE DR CASE.
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTED A PAPER
ENTITLED "THE IMPACT OF SUGAR PRODUCTION ON THE ECONOMY
OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC". THE PAPER WAS CONSIDERED
INSUFFICIENT BY MOST GROUP MEMBERS, SO A REQUEST IS
LIKELY TO BE MADE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR SUB-
STANTIALLY MORE STATISTICAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION
ABOUT THE DOMINICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY AND ITS CURRENT
SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED AN ADDITIONAL
MEETING DESIGNED TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE DOMINICAN
CASE, AT WHICH A HIGH LEVEL DOMINICAN DELEGATION WOULD BE
INVITED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND FURTHER ELABORATE ON
THEIR SITUATION. THE MEETING WAS SET FOR JULY 7, 1978.
FURTHER ACTION BEYOND THAT MEETING APPEARS AT THIS
STAGE TO BE A COUNCIL PREROGATIVE SINCE RELIEF WOULD BE
BASED ON ARTICLE 69 (RELIEF OF OBLIGATIONS), WHICH
REQUIRES COUNCIL ACTION.

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